

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An invention that is used in conjunction with a lens for judging a gemstone's brightness and symmetry comprising:

a surface that is directly attached to ~~positioned on~~ the lens facing away from the lens;

an aperture through the surface for allowing the gemstone to be viewed on the object side of the lens, and

a plurality of concentric rings arranged on the surface, at least one ring having a different color from another.

2. (currently amended) An invention that is used in conjunction with a lens for judging a gemstone's brightness and symmetry, comprising:

a surface that is directly attached to ~~positioned on~~ the object side of the lens facing away from the lens,

an aperture through the surface for allowing the gemstone to be viewed on the object side of the lens, and

a plurality of colored areas on the surface, at least one of such areas having a different color from another.

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Examiner Lauchman,

As you requested in our telephone conversation today, I attach the allowed claims for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/578,058. This letter confirms our discussion that these claims will be used for your reference only.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me (devon.ryning@millernash.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy your vacation.

Regards,
Devon Ryning

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